



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 2106

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For: **METHOD EMPLOYING UV LASER PULSES
OF VARIED ENERGY DENSITY TO FORM
DEPTHWISE SELF-LIMITING BLIND VIAS
IN MULTILAYERED TARGETS**

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Examiner: Gregory Mills

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**TO THE ASSISTANT
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Pursuant to their duty of disclosure, applicants enclose copies of the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

1. This information disclosure statement is being submitted:
 - a. ☒ Within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application or within three months of the date of entry of the national stage, or before the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. (No statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) is required.)
 - b. ☐ After the period set forth in paragraph 1a, but before the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance. (Check box i. or ii.)
 - i. ☐ A \$240.00 information disclosure statement submission fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.
 - ii. ☐ A statement specified by 37 CFR 1.97(e) is set forth below.

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3. ☒ Applicants set forth below concise explanations of the relevance of each document not in the English language and/or selected document(s) in the English language.

Applicants enclose an English language translation of Japanese Publication No. 8-2196 that was submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement on October 17, 1997.

The German language references were revealed during prosecution of a German application that is related to the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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